Development of Andamans

3050. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workshop on identification of Science and Technology input for the socio-economic development of the Andamans has suggested some measures for development of the islands;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for providing helicopter services to the Andamans and Nicobar Islands was made in the workshop. Many other proposals in the following broad areas were also made:

1. Forest and Wild life.
2. Agriculture and Horticulture.
3. Marine resources development.
4. Water resources.
5. Building and housing.
6. Water supply and sanitation.
7. Animals husbandry and live stocks.
8. Shipping and transport.
9. Energy.
10. Aerial survey.
11. Industries.
12. Tourism.
13. Manpower development.
14. Sectoral forecast.

(c) The recommendations and suggestions made at the workshop are provisional and will be discussed with the officials of Andamans and Nicobar Administration before finalising his report and submitting it.

Laying of premix on Maulana Azad Road, Srinagar

3051. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Contractors who had conducted the laying of premix on Maulana Azad Road and Sherwani Road in Srinagar under the Governor's Rule this year; and

(b) the total cost involved for the same and the tendered rates accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The subject matter of the question is the concern of the State Government.

Narmada Irrigation project

3052. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the works on Narmada River Project is suffering because of delay in clearance by the Environment Department; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to clear the Project and to expedite work on it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The delay in consideration and approval of the Narmada project by the Department of Environment has been solely because the M. P. Government has not provided complete information and action plans on various environmental and forest land diversion issues, in particular

—Rehabilitation of displaced persons;

—Compensatory Afforestation

—Catchment Area Treatment

—Command Area Development; and

—Loss of Flora and Fauna.